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(Pub. L. 86-653, § 1, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515.)

#### REFERENCES IN TEXT

Herein, referred to in text, means Pub. L. 86-653, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515, as amended, which is classified generally to this chapter. For complete classification of this Act to the Code, see Tables.

#### CODIFICATION

A provision of this section requiring the persons named in this section to file a copy of this chapter with the Superintendent of Corporations of the District of Columbia within fifteen days after July 14, 1960, was omitted from the Code.

#### SECTION REFERRED TO IN OTHER SECTIONS

This section is referred to in section 942 of this title.

### § 942. Completion of organization

A majority of the persons named in section 941 of this title, acting in person or by written proxy, are authorized to complete the organization of the corporation by the selection of officers and employees, the adoption of a constitution and bylaws not inconsistent with this chapter, and the doing of such other acts as may be necessary for such purpose.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 2, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515.)

### § 943. Purposes of corporation

The purposes of the corporation shall be: To perpetuate the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., and the memory of all the men and women who have served our country as members of the Armed Forces; the further object of this organization shall be patriotic, educational, social, and for service; to maintain true allegiance to the Government of the United States; to educate our members and others not to divulge military, naval, or other Government information; to assist in veterans' ceremonies, to attend patriotic rallies and meetings; to foster true democracy; to care for the unsupported mothers who gave their sons to the service of the Nation; to aid in bringing about recognition of the need of permanent civilian defense for each community and to ever be alert against invasion of un-American activities; to uphold the American institutions of freedom, justice, and equal rights, and to defend the United States from all enemies.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 3, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 515.)

### § 944. Powers of corporation

The corporation shall have power—

- (1) to have succession by its corporate name;
- (2) to sue and be sued, complain and defend in any court of competent jurisdiction;
- (3) to adopt, use, and alter a corporate seal;
- (4) to choose such officers, managers, agents, and employees as the activities of the corporation may require;
- (5) to adopt, amend and alter a constitution and bylaws; not inconsistent with the laws of the United States or of any State in which the corporation is to operate, for the management of its property and the regulation of its affairs;
- (6) to contract and be contracted with;
- (7) to take by lease, gift, purchase, grant, devise, or bequest from any public body or agency or any private corporation, association, partnership, firm, or individual and to hold absolutely or in trust for any of the purposes of the corporation any property, real, personal, or mixed, necessary or convenient for attaining the objects and carrying into effect the purposes of the corporation, subject, however, to applicable provisions of law of any State (A) governing the amount of or kind of property which may be held by, or (B) otherwise limiting or controlling the ownership of property by, a corporation operating in such State;
- (8) to transfer, convey, lease, sublease, mortgage, encumber and otherwise alienate real, personal, or mixed property; and
- (9) to borrow money for the purpose of the corporation, issue bonds therefor, and secure the same by mortgage, deed of trust, pledge, or otherwise, subject in every case to all applicable provisions of Federal and State laws; and
- (10) to do any and all acts and things necessary and proper to carry out the objects and purposes of the corporation.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 4, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 516.)

### § 945. Membership

Eligibility: A mother, adopted mother, or stepmother (a stepmother eligible for membership in the Blue Star Mothers of America, Inc., can claim that eligibility only if she has given a mother's care to the stepchild from the age of thirteen or under), living in the United States, of a son or daughter serving in the Armed Forces of the United States, or having a son or daughter who has served, or has been honorably discharged from the Armed Forces of the United States in World War II or the Korean hostilities. The term "Armed Forces" shall include the United States Army; United States Navy; United States Marines; United States Air Force; United States Coast Guard; National Guard; United States Army Reserves; United States Navy Reserves; United States Marine Reserves; United States Air Force Reserves; United States Coast Guard Reserves; United States Naval Militia; merchant marines; and the armed home guards who have served on active duty.

(Pub. L. 86-653, § 5, July 14, 1960, 74 Stat. 516.)

### § 946. Governing body; composition; meetings

The supreme governing authority of the corporation shall be the national convention there-